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Digital Literacy
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has got any information regarding the percentage of digital literacy in the country at present and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the percentage of digital literacy in Jharkhand along with the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has set any target for increasing the digital literacy and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the efforts being made by the Government for increasing digital literacy along with the details of the schemes proposed in this regard?

Answer

(a): As per the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) (under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation) 71st Round Survey Report (Jan-June, 2014), the proportion (per 1000) of persons (age 14 years and above) who have the ability to operate a computer (includes devices such as desktops / laptops / notebooks / net books / palmtops / smart phones etc) is at Annexure.

(b): As per the above report of NSSO, for the State of Jharkhand, the proportion (per 1000) of households (with at least one member of age 14 years & above) having access to internet facility is 101 (Rural+Urban).

Similarly, households having computer in the State of Jharkhand is 57 (per 1000 - Rural + Urban)

(c) and (d): DeitY has approved two Schemes for providing Digital Literacy to the masses:
i) A scheme entitled 'National Digital Literacy Mission' to train 10 lakh persons in digital literacy was approved in March 2014.
ii) Subsequently, a scheme entitled 'Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' (DISHA) to train 42.5 lakh persons in digital literacy throughout the country was approved on 09.12.2014 under Digital India.
Both these Schemes are being run concurrently. So far, under the NDLM/DISHA schemes, around 49 lakh candidates have been registered, a total of 36.5 lakh students have been trained and approximately 14.5 lakh students have been certified. A total of 1,875 organizations are working as Training Partners under these schemes.
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Annexure
Ability to operate computer(per 1000) of population (age 14 years and above) to operate a computer
Rural Urban
Age group (years) 14-29 30-45 46-60 60 and above 14-29 30-45 46-60 60 and above

Persons 183 41 14 3 489 243 148 68
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